

**Agenda for consultation meeting between Federal Ministry of Health  
National TB and Leprosy Control Programme, WHO and TB partners  
Thursday and Friday, May 5-6, 2005  
Federal Ministry of Health, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**

**Background:** TB is a major public health problem in Ethiopia, which is one of the 22 high TB burden countries. The TB and Leprosy Diseases Prevention and Control Team (TLCT) in the Federal Ministry of Health coordinates the national efforts to control the TB epidemic in collaboration with Regional Health Bureaus, WHO and other partners. TLCT planned to conduct a half-day consultation with the TB Department of WHO and other interested partners in conjunction with the upcoming meeting of the Coordinating Board of the Stop TB Partnership, which will be held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in the period May 3-4, 2005. The planned consultation meeting will be held on May 5, 2005 in the premises of the Federal Ministry of Health of Ethiopia.

**Objectives:** The meeting will have the following objectives

1. To review the overall performance of the National TB control activities in Ethiopia and identify outstanding challenges and constraints to achieve the TB control targets.
2. To strengthen and renew the commitment and support from WHO and other technical and donor agencies to TB control activities in Ethiopia.
3. The NTP to be provided directions and suggestions how to scale-up TB/HIV activities, initiate External Quality Assessment of TB labs, strengthen community DOTS and address the potential threat of MDR-TB.

**Participants:** The following will participate in the consultation meeting

- H.E State Minister of Health (to be confirmed) and relevant staff of the Diseases Prevention and Control Department in the Ministry.
- Members of National TB/HIV Advisory Committee
- Members of Taskforce working on Human Resource Development for TBL control
- National Partners working on TB in Ethiopia (Ambassadors or relevant staffs of Embassies of Netherlands and Italy, USAID, CDC, GLRA)
- Relevant participants of the meeting of the Coordinating Board, including WHO and other partners.

Following the consultation meeting there will be a visit to a historical church and museum in the capital. On 6<sup>th</sup> of May there will be visits to the main TB treatment and training facilities in the capital. Details of the consultation meeting and visits are attached here.

## May 5,2005

<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Speaker/Facilitator</b>
8:45-9:00	Arrival into Federal Ministry of Health	WHO – CO (Adugna)
9:00-9:10	Opening speech	H.E. State Minister of Health Dr Tedros Adhanom
9:10-9:40	Status of TB control in Ethiopia (Achievements, challenges and constraints of TB control, TB/HIV, Community DOTS, PPM-DOTS.	Dr Zerihun Tadesse Programme Manager
9:40 – 10:10	Continued support to TB control programme by WHO and other partners ( ISAC)	Official from WHO - HQ
10:10 – 10:40	Tea Break	
10:40-12:00	Panel Discussion to improve TB control in Ethiopia and strengthen collaboration with WHO and other partners.	H.E. State Minister of Health Dr Tedros Adhanom
<b>12:00 – 2:00</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>	
2:00 – 2:30	Trip to Entoto	WHO – CO (Adugna)
2:30 – 4:00	Visit to St. Mary Church and Menlik museum	TLCT
4:00 -4:30	Trip to the Ministry and end of the session	

## May 6,2005

<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Speaker/Facilitator</b>
8:45-9:00	Arrival at St. Peter TB Specialized Hospital (Group I) and at Kazanchis Health Center (Group II)	WHO – CO (Adugna)
9:00-12:00	Visit to St. Peter TB Specialized Hospital (Future MDR-TB Treatment Center) (Group I)	Dr. Solomon Goshu, Medical Director
9:00- 12:00	Visit to Kazanchis Health Center /TB/HIV site (Group II)	Head of Kazanchis Health Center
12:00 -2:00	Lunch Break	
2:00- 2:15	Arrival at Ethiopian Health and Nutrition Institute (EHNRI) – National Reference Laboratory (Group I) and at ALERT and GLRA (Group II)	WHO – CO (Adugna)
2:15- 4:00	Visit Ethiopian Health and Nutrition Institute (EHNRI) (Group I) and at ALERT Training Center and GLRA (Group II)	Mrs.Mekedes Gebeyew (EHNRI) Dr.Ruth Leekasa (ALERT) Mr.Ahmed Mohammed (GLRA)
4:00 – 5:00	Return to the Ministry and Debriefing Session	TLCT